

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claim in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A method of preparing a micro-structured powder for bonded magnets having high coercivity, comprising:

(a) mechanically crushing or hydrogen decrepitating a R-Fe-B type anisotropic sintered magnet or scraps thereof, to prepare R-Fe-B type anisotropic permanent magnet powders having an average size of 50-500  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

(b) mixing the R-Fe-B type anisotropic permanent magnet powders with 1-10 wt% of rare earth fluoride ( $\text{RF}_3$ ) powders having a size of 0.1-50  $\mu\text{m}$ , to obtain mixed powders; and

(c) thermally treating the mixed powders at 500-1100°C in a vacuum or an inert gas atmosphere, to prepare R-Fe-B type anisotropic permanent magnet powders.

2. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the step (a) is performed by crushing the scraps of the R-Fe-B type anisotropic sintered magnet to recycle magnet scraps and protect environment.

3. (Original) The method as defined in claim 2, wherein the scraps of the R-Fe-B type anisotropic sintered magnet are crushed to recycle magnet scraps and protect environment, and then mixed with any fluoride selected from among  $\text{NdF}_3$ ,  $\text{PrF}_3$ ,  $\text{DyF}_3$  and  $\text{TbF}_3$  by the step (b).

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)